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Louisiana 2006 Crop Acreage and Production

In spite of all the varied weather conditions Louisiana's producers faced during 2006, most crops yields were average or above. Soybeans set a new record yield, while corn, cotton and sorghum yields reached their second highest levels. On the down side, Louisiana's 2006 rice planted acreage was the lowest planted acreage on record for the state. This was largely due to the effects of the salt water from Hurricane Rita.

Cotton production is estimated at 1.25 million bales, up 14 percent from 2005. The 2006 planted acreage was estimated at 635,000 acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. An estimated 630,000 acres were harvested, up 5 percent from 2005. Yield per acre was 952 pounds, up 74 pounds from 2005.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is estimated at 11.75 million net tons, up 13 percent from 2005. An estimated 435,000 acres were harvested, down 4 percent from 2005. Net yield is estimated at 27.0 tons per acre, up 4.1 tons from the 2005 yield.

Soybean production is estimated at 29.4 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2005. Total planted acreage was 870,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2005. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 840,000 acres, also down 10,000 acres from the previous year. Yield was 35 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from 2005, setting a new record yield for the state.

All rice production is estimated at 20.1 million cwt, down 35 percent from 2005. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 19.5 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 596,000 cwt. The planted acreage estimate for rice was 350,000 acres, 180,000 acres fewer than 2005. This is the lowest planted acres recorded in the state since record keeping began in 1929. An estimated 345,000 acres of rice were harvested, down 34 percent from 2005. The statewide yield averaged 5,820 pounds per acre, down 80 pounds from the previous year's record yield.

Production of **corn for grain** is estimated at 40.6 million bushels, down 10 percent from 2005. The state planted and harvested acreage estimates for 2006 were 300,000 acres and 290,000 acres, respectively, both down 12 percent from 2005. Yield per acre, at 140 bushels, was up 4 bushels from 2005.

Production of **sorghum for grain** is estimated at 8.4 million bushels, compared to 8.7 million in 2005. Total planted acreage was estimated at 90,000 acres, of which 87,000 acres were harvested for grain. Yield per acre, at 96 bushels, was down 3 bushels from 2005's record yield.

Sweet potato production is estimated at 2.23 million cwt, down 10 percent from 2005. An estimated 18,000 acres were planted in 2006, unchanged from 2005. Harvested acreage was estimated at 13,500 acres, down 21 percent from the previous year. The statewide yield averaged 165 cwt per acre, up 20 cwt from last 2005's yield

All hay production in 2006 is estimated at 975,000 tons, up 21 percent from 2005. An estimated 390,000 acres were harvested in 2006, up 40,000 acres from the previous year. Yield was 2.5 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from 2005.

Louisiana: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2006, with Comparisons

Commodity	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Unit		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	Yield	Prod.	2005	2006
	-----Thousand Acres-----		-----Units-----				-----Thousand Units-----	
Corn, Grain	330	290	136	140	bushels	bushels	44,880	40,600
Corn, Silage	5	5	18.0	14.0	tons	tons	90	70
Cotton, Lint, All	600	630	878	952	pounds	bales ¹	1,098	1,250
Cottonseed ²	---	---	---	---	tons	tons	364.0	425
Hay, All (baled)	350	390	2.3	2.5	tons	tons	805	975
Rice, Long Grain	515	335	5,900	5,820	pounds	cwt	30,385	19,497
Rice, Medium	10	10	5,980	5,960	pounds	cwt	598	596
Rice, All	525	345	5,900	5,820	pounds	cwt	30,983	20,093
Sorghum, Grain	88	87	99	96	bushels	bushels	8,712	8,352
Sorghum, Silage	---	1	---	10	tons	tons	---	10
Soybeans	850	840	34	35	bushels	bushels	28,900	29,400
Sugarcane, All ³	455	435	22.9	27.0	net tons	net tons	10,420	11,745
Sweet Potatoes	17.0	13.5	145	165	cwt	cwt	2,465	2,228
Wheat, Winter	100	105	48.0	53.0	bushels	bushels	4,800	5,565

United States: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2006, with Comparisons

Commodity	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Unit		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	Yield	Prod.	2005	2006
	-----Thousand Acres-----		-----Units-----				-----Thousand Units-----	
Corn, Grain	75,117	70,648	148.0	149.0	bushels	bushels	11,114,082	10,534,868
Corn, Silage	5,930	6,477	18.0	16.2	tons	tons	106,486	104,849
Cotton, Lint, All	13,802.6	12,731.5	831	819	pounds	bales ¹	23,890.2	21,729.0
Cottonseed ²	---	---	---	---	tons	tons	8,172.1	7,632.0
Hay, All (baled)	61,729	60,807	2.45	2.33	tons	tons	151,017	141,666
Rice, Long Grain	2,734	2,186	6,493	6,689	pounds	cwt	177,527	146,214
Rice, Medium	575	574	7,375	7,631	pounds	cwt	42,408	43,802
Rice, All	3,364	2,821	6,636	6,868	pounds	cwt	223,235	193,736
Sorghum, Grain	5,736	4,937	68.5	56.2	bushels	bushels	392,933	277,538
Sorghum, Silage	311	347	13.6	13.4	tons	tons	4,218	4,642
Soybeans	71,251	74,602	43.0	42.7	bushels	bushels	3,063,237	3,188,247
Sugarcane, All ³	921.9	908.8	28.9	32.4	net tons	net tons	26,606	29,489
Sweet Potatoes	88.4	87.2	178	189	cwt	cwt	15,730	16,441
Wheat, Winter	33,794	31,117	44.4	41.7	bushels	bushels	1,499,129	1,298,081

¹ 480-pound net weight bale.

² Estimates based on 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

³ Harvested for sugar and seed.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Corn stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2006, at 22.67 million bushels, were up 9 percent from last year's 20.77 million bushels. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

Soybean stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2006, at 11.1 million bushels, were 7 percent above last year's 12.0 million bushels. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

All wheat stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2006, at 8.3 million bushels, were 31 percent above the 6.3 million bushels stored a year ago. On-farm stocks are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Rough rice stocks reported in all positions on December 1, 2006, totaled 14.9 million cwt, down 21 percent from last year. On-farm stocks of rice were estimated at 7.8 million cwt, compared to 9.0 million the previous year. Off-farm stocks totaled 7.08 million cwt, down 28 percent from last year.

Louisiana and U.S. Grain Stocks, December 1, 2006

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	December 1		December 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Corn	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
On-Farm			6,325,000	5,627,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>20,772</u>	<u>22,673</u>	<u>3,489,957</u>	<u>3,302,820</u>
Total			9,814,957	8,929,820
Soybeans				
On-Farm			1,345,000	1,461,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>12,033</u>	<u>11,135</u>	<u>1,156,426</u>	<u>1,236,498</u>
Total			2,501,426	2,697,498
All-Wheat				
On-Farm			513,010	403,250
Off-Farm ²	<u>6,316</u>	<u>8,273</u>	<u>916,414</u>	<u>911,364</u>
Total			1,429,424	1,314,614

¹ Louisiana on farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	<u>Rough Rice</u>		
December 1, 2005	9,000	9,890	18,890
March 1, 2006	3,500	6,298	9,798
August 1, 2006	200	3,246	3,446
December 1, 2006	7,800	7,080	14,880

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit.

United States Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	<u>Rough Rice</u>		
December 1, 2005	58,630	101,518	160,148
March 1, 2006	30,865	80,416	111,281
August 1, 2006	1,553	35,825	37,378
December 1, 2006	52,420	97,706	150,126
	<u>Milled Rice</u>		
December 1, 2005	---	5,940	5,940
March 1, 2006	---	4,572	4,572
August 1, 2006	---	3,944	3,944
December 1, 2006	---	4,004	4,004

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit.

Winter Wheat Seedings

Louisiana farmers planted an estimated 220,000 acres of Winter Wheat for 2007, up 91 percent from the previous year. United States winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2007 is estimated at 44.1 million acres, up 9 percent from 2006. Seeding began last August and was slightly behind the 5-year average pace because of a lack of moisture in the southern Great Plains during September and much of October. Precipitation during mid-October relieved moisture concerns somewhat in major producing areas. Warm, dry conditions in November allowed seeding to advance at normal pace during the month. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1 with the exception of some intended acres in the Southeast and California.

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Selected States	Area Planted			2006/2007 Percent
	2005	2006	2007	
	-----1,000 Acres-----			
Arkansas	220	365	830	227
Kansas	10,000	9,800	10,300	105
Louisiana	110	115	220	191
Mississippi	70	85	250	294
Texas	5,500	5,550	6,000	108
United States	40,433	40,575	44,089	109

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